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Claims 1-31 are cancelled.

32. A waste pulping apparatus comprising:

- 3 a tank for containing liquid and solids, the tank having an upper portion with a perimeter;
- a frame for supporting the tank;
- means for pulping the liquid and solids in the tank;
- a shell having a lower portion with a perimeter;
- wherein the upper portion of the tank and the lower portion of the shell are nested defining a juncture between the tank and the shell at the perimeters;
- a seal placed at the juncture for preventing the liquids from leaving the tank and for minimizing the translation of vibration between the tank and the shell; and
- at least one mounting bracket placed between the tank and the frame for mounting the tank onto the frame while minimizing translation of vibration between the tank and the frame.

33. A waste pulping apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the mounting bracket includes a bumper.

 **34. A waste pulping apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the bumper is made from neoprene rubber.**

35. A waste pulping apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the lower portion of the shell is nested within the upper portion of the tank.

Claims 36-44 are cancelled.

45. A waste pulping apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the means for pumping the slurry is a plurality of pumping vanes.